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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, EDAC  
FROM : Executive Secretary, EDIC  
SUBJECT : Summary of Current EDIC Activities - MDAC Newsletter  
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Current activities of the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC) include: (1) Consideration of the downgrading of CG/COCOM/CHINCOM documents from Secret to Confidential, a problem referred to EDIC by POLTO 861 of 11 November. A survey is now being conducted ~~under the direction of the EDIC Executive Secretariat~~ to determine which of the more than 2,900 documents can be downgraded; (2) Discussion of the old ING study, "External Financial Operations of the Soviet Bloc" (ING/R-16) - EDIC is awaiting from the Executive Committee a statement of priorities for work on this subject in the light of other research needs. Upon receipt of this statement EDIC will discuss the allocation of the functions and projects in this field to existing units within the intelligence community; (3) EDIC recently reviewed the status of action agency requirements for current intelligence from the military intelligence agencies, concluding that adequate procedures exist for transmittal of enforcement intelligence through the DCN mechanism and there is satisfactory distribution of other than enforcement-type intelligence;

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(4) EDIC has considered the recent [redacted] proposal for an exchange of information with the U.S. on China trade, and has indicated the desirability of clarifying certain questions as a basis for consideration of the nature and extent of such an exchange of information; (5) Surveillance of Decontrolled Commodities - EDIC still has pending the determination of the most feasible method of tracing movements of decontrolled commodities to the Soviet bloc; (6) Studies have been completed on the strategic significance of indium to the Soviet bloc, and Soviet production of "jeeps". In the field of Soviet trade tactics, EDIC has reviewed OIR/State papers on "Soviet Bloc Trade Trends and Tactics in Petroleum", and "West European Exports of Copper Wire and Cable to the Soviet Bloc".

No definitive action can be taken on this until the Special surveillance list is received from JOC

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